



Kindergarten Teacher Focus Groups

We want to hear from Kindergarten teachers!
Your thoughts on curriculum, assessment, and the transition into Kindergarten.

As part of the state's Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is planning to implement several initiatives that will focus on supporting Kindergarten instruction, assessment, and transition practices. RIDE is hoping to gather a broad and representative sample of kindergarten teacher perspectives to guide this work.

A major component of the work is the development and use of a comprehensive Kindergarten Entry Profile (KEP), intended to support teachers and districts in better understanding children's development and learning upon entering kindergarten. This profile is designed to provide information to help teachers understand the developmental needs of their children in order to tailor instruction; to provide information that can be shared with parents; and to give RIDE an overall snapshot of how the state's children are doing at kindergarten entry.

As the KEP is being developed, it is important to understand the context within which kindergarten teachers are working and to determine how the KEP might be most helpful to them. We are looking for teachers who would be willing to engage in an hour long facilitated discussion on December 2nd or 3rd about the work that they do and how RIDE can better support this work.

Please click on the applicable time to RSVP

Wednesday, December 2

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Lincoln, RI (@[Northern RI Collaborative](#))
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Warwick, RI (@[Greenwood Elementary School](#))

Thursday, December 3

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Exeter, RI (@[Wawaloam Elementary School](#))
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in South Kingstown, RI (@[Kingston Free Library](#))

If you are unable to attend or would like to continue participating in the conversation after the meeting, please send your name, district, school, and RIDEMAP account username to Judi Stevenson-Garcia ([email her here](#)), and you will be added to an online community in the coming weeks, which will be used to continue the discussion with kindergarten teachers from across the state.

Contact Judi.StevensonGarcia@ride.ri.gov at (401)222-8176 with any questions